

"The issue cuts to the heart of broadcasters' First Amendment rights," said Irving Gastfreund, of Kaye Scholer. "At issue is whether broadcasters' judgments are going to be held as reasonable (Note the assumption here that television stations have reasonable judgment.) if they are made in good faith," he said. "The FCC is substituting its judgment for the broadcasters', and that impermissibly intrudes on broadcasters' editorial discretion." (These guys are too humble.)

In its initial request, the firm asked the FCC to rule that the abortions ads were "indecent" and thus exempt from broadcasters' obligation to air all political ads without censorship.

*The FCC declined the invitation. (Praise God!.) Judging whether an ad is indecent in advance of its broadcast constitutes prior restraint, it ruled. At the same time, it said the one ad it had reviewed **WAS NOT INDECENT** (highlights here are mine). It also said broadcasters may air viewer advisories to discourage children from watching.*

In addition to the First Amendment argument, Kaye Scholer contends in its "application for review" that the FCC's standard for deciding what is indecent is unconstitutionally vague. "It provides broadcasters no meaningful guide for determining what's indecent and what's not", the petition says. (They lost the first round so now they are crying about the constitutionality of the FCC's decision...I thought the Constitution protected free speech? What they are forgetting here is that the big difference between indecency and abortion is the fact that indecency is illegal and abortion is legal!)

Also, it argues, the viewer advisories the FCC said broadcasters may tag to ads "will not suffice to protect impressionable children." (My sides are hurting as I roll with laughter at the thought of these poor television stations trying to protect America's impressionable youth...what a sad joke! Who are they trying to kid?)

*The Lord is the only one who knows the incredible *dollar value* in free advertising time that this high-powered Washington law firm garnered for the pro-life movement and for our political campaign. As usual, they fought to hurt us but ended up helping us tremendously.*

The next lawsuit that I knew about happened in early August. Matt Noah, an independent candidate for the U.S. Senate, was one of the first candidates to decide to use our ad tactics. Matt ran his race in Colorado, and I had the privilege of "stumping" for him during the 1992 campaign. He is a committed Christian man and fully devoted to saving the lives of America's unborn children.

Soon after Matt's ads began running, the Colorado media went nuts. What was an obscure independent candidate's campaign for the U.S. Senate was now the center of attention in Colorado politics. Matt's message and his tactics were causing a tremendous uproar.

A law suit was immediately filed against Matt by two separate Colorado citizens. Mark Van Loucks filed the first suit. (Mr. Van Loucks is the former cable owner who faced me later on NIGHTLINE.) The second suit was filed by Kathy Hansen. In both suits, the basic legal premise was that children were being terrorized by the ads. As expected, both suits were thrown out of federal court. **The judge humorously stated that, though he felt the ads were in bad taste, he didn't think Colorado would want him deciding what was suitable for television.**

As in all other lawsuits, the action of the other side to keep the truth off television resulted in **incredible publicity for our cause**. Each and every time a candidate was sued around the country, it directly benefited our campaign back in Indiana. **We could never lose in these battles. Our side always benefited.**

The day our fall ads hit television stations, September 14, 1992, we also had a lawsuit filed against us in the New Albany, Indiana UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT. This suit was filed by a woman on behalf of her children, although no one in her family had yet seen any of our pro-life ads.

What was going to make this lawsuit fun, if getting sued can be fun, was the woman's headline-hungry attorney, **Mr. Wonna B. News**. (I've decided not to use the attorney's real name because I'm not interested in giving him any further press...smile.)

Mr. Wonna B. News' wife **just happened** to be the co-chair of the CLINTON/GORE PRESIDENTIAL TEAM organized in southern Indiana. With Clinton being the most pro-abortion Presidential candidate in history, our ads certainly couldn't be doing his candidacy much good. I had good reason to believe that the suit was politically motivated since it had little or no foundation in law.

In addition to the suspect Democrat connection, Mr. Wonna B. News announced that his client was *purportedly pro-life*. Within a few days, his client was accepting money from the National Organization For Women, the most pro-abortion lobby group in the country. **I seriously doubt that any true pro-lifer could work with N.O.W. on any level, knowing their utter contempt for the sanctity of human life.**

To top all the other juicy details, just read the lawsuit. Mr. Wonna B. News listed the following items as the **Statement of Facts** in the document presented to the court. **If the items were not presented in the context of a serious lawsuit, I probably wouldn't have found them so outrageously laughable, but that only proves that fact is more amazing than fiction.**

Statement Of Facts

10. *That the Plaintiff is the mother of two (2) children, Christopher Copeland, date of birth February 17, 1984, and Katie Copeland, date of birth August 21, 1985.*

11. *That the Plaintiffs reside in Jeffersonville, Clark County, Indiana.*

12. *That the Plaintiffs own at least one television set and that the Plaintiffs receive transmissions from those named Defendants television stations.*

13. *That the Defendant, Michael Bailey, is the Republican Candidate for United States congress in the Ninth Congressional District of Indiana.*

14. *That the Defendant, Bailey, has in the past, and **threatens** to continue to transmit political advertisements depicting what are alleged to be aborted fetuses. (I never remembered threatening anyone with our commercials.)*

15. *That the Defendant, Bailey's, advertisements have been transmitted during all hours of the day and night and on all days of the week.*

16. *That the Defendant, Bailey's, advertisements have been **transmitted during Saturday morning hours** traditionally reserved for children's programming. (We bought the Saturday morning news show on WHAS TV 11)*

17. *That these advertisements are **not designed to fulfill a legitimate public interest of communicating a legitimate political message.** (Is he forgetting the unborn?)*

18. *That these advertisements are not designed to fulfill a legitimate public interest of providing the electorate of the Ninth Congressional District with information **upon which political decisions can be formulated.** (Does Mr. News assume no one could make a political decision based on the sanctity of human life?)*

19. *That the Defendant, Bailey's, advertisements create a **clear and public danger** in that their content is designed solely to shock the senses and are not designed to present a political message. (We happen to think that the clear and public danger to the unborn child is of some importance!)*

20. *That the Defendant, Bailey's, advertisements **lack the slightest redeeming social importance.** (Can you believe this stuff?)*

21. *That the Defendant, Bailey's, advertisements are indecent, immoral, obscene and harmful to those individuals who may see those advertisements. (Did Mr. News think about how harmful abortion is to the unborn?)*

22. *That the Defendant, Bailey's, advertisements are **loathsome, offensive and are not designed to further any legitimate political interest of the candidate.** (He is getting pretty low here.)*

23. *That the Defendant, Bailey's, advertisements are designed solely to shock the senses of the people of the Ninth Congressional District.*

24. *That the Defendant, Bailey's, advertisements are harmful to those children who may see them and may cause psychological and emotional injuries to those children of a **permanent nature.** (His baseless accusations notwithstanding, Mr. News had not considered the permanent result of death that abortion has on the unborn.)*

25. *That the Defendant, Bailey, is not a bona fide candidate for the Ninth Congressional District and that he should not be permitted to transmit these offensive commercials in reliance upon that protection provided by United States Code.* (Did Mr. News ever read the papers after the primary? We won 60% of the Republican vote. I think that qualifies us to be *bona fide*.)

26. *That the Defendant, Bailey, is not supported by the Republican Party of the State of Indiana nor the Republican National Committee and, therefore, is not a legitimate candidate for public office.* (Mr. Wonna B. News had obviously not seen the \$1,000 check from the national party or the favorable press release from the state party.)

You can imagine what a field day the media had with this lawsuit. **Mr. Wonna B. News began his numerous television interviews the day the lawsuit was filed and hasn't stopped since!** Countless newspaper articles in the district featured his aggrieved mug numerous times. I even ran into him once on the talk radio circuit.

I don't know what his motivation is or was, but you can bet that either Mr. News or his wife will be running for public office someday. No matter what their motivation, God used this newest lawsuit to gain further national and international attention to our causes. For that, I thank **Mr. Wonna B. News.**

Soon after the initial lawsuit, I accepted an invitation from the **Faith Daniels Show.** They informed me that Kathryn Copeland, the woman suing me, would appear and asked me if I cared. I didn't. We taped the show in New York City on October 7. The show aired on October 12.

By this time in the campaign, I was ready to expect the worst from television talk shows. This was my third national show. We were asked to do a fifth show, *Geraldo*, but I declined. You probably can guess why.

The audience was definitely stacked against us from the start. **New York is not exactly the breeding ground for Christian pro-life conservatives.** The angry/serious expressions I faced in the audience told me the whole story. I prayed for strength and wished desperately that I had brought Lori with me this time.

Faith Daniels started the show by allowing Kathy Bacon, a woman whose child had been *allegedly* traumatized (please note my careful choice of the word *allegedly*) by my commercials, to tell her story of how her child was crying and now wetting the bed after being exposed to our ads.

I found it interesting that this woman said with her own mouth that she *could not find words to describe abortion to her young daughter.* **That is exactly my point. You could never adequately describe the horrors of Nazi Germany without showing the pictures. Likewise, you cannot adequately describe the horror of abortion without showing the pictures.**

After showing our most graphic ad depicting a first trimester abortion, Ms. Daniels told the television audience that she had chosen not to show our other three ads. She said they were even more graphic. That simply wasn't true.

In fact, the facial expressions, condescending attitude, and general disrespectful manner which host, Faith Daniels showed me was a classic example of obvious television bias against Christians and pro-lifers. I sometimes wonder if people like Faith Daniels have had abortions and may be dealing with personal guilt.

One woman asked me if I was "*that desperate for votes?*" Any politician knows that our commercials could be political suicide, not necessarily vote getters. I told her that I am doing what I am doing because I love the unborn children. Pro-aborts simply cannot understand that.

The next question came from no other than **Mr. Wonna B. News' wife**, who just happened to be sitting by the aisle, separated from her husband. Acting as though she was not acquainted with her, Faith asked Mrs. Wonna B. News why she looked away from the screen when watching our ads. **What a set up!** Faith Daniels never asked Mrs. News her name or affiliation to the case.

O course, Mrs. Wonna B. News said she was horrified. She said watching the live babies in the womb was enough. **Enough for what I might ask her? Enough to become pro-life? Enough to start trying to protect the unborn? Enough to quit being the co-chair of the Clinton/Gore Presidential team in southern Indiana?**

Mrs. Wonna B. News continued her acting by saying, "*You don't have to see the graphics...you don't have to see the destruction.*" At least she could admit that the killing of the unborn is **destruction**.

During the show, 97% of the audience raised their hands indicating that **we shouldn't** have the right to air the ads. I wouldn't call that a fair representation of the general American population. I said, "*Aw...this is New York...New York is a different country.*" As you could guess, that comment didn't exactly endear me to Faith or to the audience. Faith tried to demonstrate that the audience was from all over the country. I wasn't convinced.

Numerous people in the audience pointed out the fact that I was far behind in the polls (like I cared). They never seemed to understand the fact that **"it is not important if something is popular...it is important if something is right"**. They just didn't get it. They also tried to focus on children being traumatized. In turn, I always kept focusing on the children in our ads who were being fatally traumatized.

Even Mr. Wonna B. News joined those who were trying to prove that polls, community standards, and a popular vote mattered more than the lives of babies. Sure, winning the election, the popular opinion, or even the legal case would be nice, but **all of those things don't determine if something is right or not.** Ask the unborn child if they think abortion is right. **Ask God, Mr. Wonna B. News, if abortion is right.**

As the debate heated up, Mrs. Copeland arrogantly stated, *"We are not at all concerned about "Roe vs. Wade" here."* I said, *"That's obvious."* It was obvious to me that those who stood against us couldn't care less about the fate of the unborn. Being blind, they have never understood that the pictures that are upsetting them depict bodies of dead babies. Killing these babies is legal in the United States, as horrifying as that is.

I wish I did not have to show horrifying pictures of aborted babies on television. If the news media had been responsible and shown the truth of abortion all these years, as they have shown the reality of wars and violence, our ads would not be necessary.

Perhaps in the days ahead, our critics will all deeply reflect on the truth they heard that day. Perhaps the reality of abortion will sink in. If it doesn't, these people are just going to have to do what most evangelical Christians do to avoid offensive content on TV..."**shut the television off!"**

No matter what, we are convinced that all lawsuits were beneficial to the unborn and to the Bailey for Life for Congress campaign. Because of the people who were raised up to attack us, we were blessed with numerous regional and national opportunities to share our story and our message.

No matter what their motivation or what their political success ultimately is, something is for sure: God will bring about justice! Jesus Christ will come again! All knees will bend to the King of kings and Lord of lords. I can be assured that on that day this unpopular work we now do, will be recognized for what it is. **Our work is the work of God to save the innocent from the hand of those who would take life!**

"There are six things which the Lord hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood..."

Proverbs 6:16-17

chapter twenty-three

SPECIAL STORIES OF "*REMEMBER WHEN?*"

Writing a book like this posed many problems. The most agonizing problem was *what stories will make the book and which ones won't?* I figured it out. I'll put them all in. Well, not exactly. But that indeed is the reason for this chapter. You may not appreciate fully all the "*Remember Whens?*", so skip the ones that bore you. None of them bore me, but again, I was there. If it helps, imagine yourself being there.

"*REMEMBER WHEN?*"

...Lee Hamilton was standing in a field with only one other person? We pulled the parade truck up next to him and turned on the song, "**Lee's Had 14 Terms**". **Mr. Hamilton didn't even turn around or laugh.** Lori was embarrassed. I thought it was funny...loosen up, Lee.

...the Jackson County Sheriff **threatened to take me downtown** for passing out literature at the fair? It really was Allen Mitchell's idea to pass out the fliers there. I never did end up in jail.

...all those nice people called and said, "*I wouldn't vote for Mr. Bailey if he was running for dog catcher!!*"? I've seriously considered adding my name to the dog catcher ballot next year, just to see how I would do. We received two or three calls a week like these all through the campaign.

...we had to stuff 12,000 envelopes by hand because our favorite printer bought the wrong kind of envelopes? It really wasn't **Matt's fault**, but it's fun to blame him. We had so much fun anyway, didn't we? **Gary Drake was the speed-king stuffer!**

...Gary Drake was accused of getting paid by the Bailey for Life for Congress campaign? **He didn't get paid**, Mr. Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton was upset that all the local papers were printing letters to the editor from Gary Drake. He accused Gary of being on our payroll. This was funny because no one was on the Bailey for Life for Congress payroll! Any monies Gary did receive from our campaign were reimbursements for expense reports, not payments for work done.

...we decided to put the "**NOT**" symbol over Lee Hamilton's name on a few hundred of his famous shopping bags? We conned a jr. higher out of the bags at a local

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parade. The next parade we added the bags as a skirt around the bottom of our truck. We thought it was funny. (Mr. Hamilton's campaign passed out thousands of shopping bags at every town event and parade.)

...we almost came out with a campaign commercial saying, **"Lee's got you in the Bag"**? That idea never made the final cut.

...Lee Hamilton said **"I am not a wealthy man."** Give us a break, Mr. Hamilton! Who do you know in the ninth district of Indiana that makes \$130,000 a year? **I suppose he could be poor if he does to his personal finances what he has done to the country's finances!**

...Jamin Bailey (my eight-year-old son) walked into a country restaurant and shook everybody's hand and said, **"Vote for my Dad"**? Thanks Jamin for your great support!

...Linnea Bailey (my two year old) was in the grocery store cart with Lori and started singing loudly **"Lee's had 14 terms and what do ya get..."**? Lori was slightly embarrassed.

...I walked into the editorial board review room, at The Louisville Courier Journal, and asked, **"Is this experience going to be similar to my trying to gain the endorsement of Planned Parenthood?"** They smiled. I didn't receive their endorsement.

...Someone (who shall remain nameless) really did forget to print *"please send your check today"* on two thousand return addressed envelopes? Mark and I had to write it on by hand in the van. We love you anyway, **Matt!**

...Nate, Mark, Jamin, Marshall Kellam, and I drove to a rally for another candidate in southern Illinois? **Ten people showed up.** We were five of the ten!

...Marshall Kellam, a very gifted Christian singer and an unofficial member of our campaign staff, followed me out of the airport building, across the air field, and over to a 1945 bi-plane? We started to load our luggage while Marshall's eyes got bigger and bigger. He looked at me with a cross between fear and excitement and said, **"You told me we would be traveling on a small plane...I didn't know this is what you meant!"** I told Marshall that with all the excitement I was bringing into his life, he should start paying me to come along on these trips. All he could do was nervously laugh. We survived the trip.

...we blitzed a parking lot with Bailey for Life for Congress fliers? **The parking lot just happened to be filled with cars of people attending a Lee Hamilton rally inside.**

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...Mark & Nate drove all night to Cincinnati and back in order to retrieve a tape that WHAS said they would use the next day? Mark got pulled over for reckless driving...great fun! **WHAS never used the tape.** (Mark & Nate were the campaign's full time, 24 hour live-in help...they were the best!)

...we ran out of gas (though we thought it was engine trouble) at 1 a.m. on I-64, halfway between Evansville and New Albany? We had all the kids with us. I was sooooo tired. We had borrowed Floyd Miller's van, and the gas gauge didn't quite do its job. **God, teach me patience.**

...I walked off the Stan Solomon show in Cincinnati? Stan was very rude to a woman who called in to the show and was repentant of having had an abortion. The cable television show was being aired live. I asked Stan, **"Have you ever had a guest walk off your show?"** He said "no". I said, **"Well now you have."** **I got up, walked out, and drove home.** Wow, that felt good.

...a very **big** Republican came up to me at the Bartholomew County Fair and stuck his nose right up next to mine? **"You are the biggest scum I have ever met!"** he shouted at close range. **"And thank you for your kind support,"** I replied.

...Dewayne Hines was the county coordinator for Charlie Loos while his wife, Tami, was the county coordinator for Michael Bailey during the primary? **They will kill me for this one.**

...Lori and I and the kids slept all night in the van while Nate and Mark drove to Grand Rapids, Michigan? After the rally that night, we all slept in the van again while those two servants of God drove all night!

...during the primary, I overslept? I was suppose to be speaking at a Christian men's breakfast at 7 a.m. Ron Haendiges called me at 7 a.m. I ran out of the house while pulling my pants up. I fully dressed in the car while driving a little bit above the speed limit and was speaking before 100 men by 7:25 a.m.

...twenty five high school girls in Scottsburg approached me at the local Wendy's? **Many of them asked for my autograph and told me of numerous kids who had been impacted by the ads. Praise God!**

...a kid threw a bucket of water on me at the Jackson County Fair? Though it wasn't very nice, it actually cooled me off quite nicely for the following three or four hours.

...all those nice people gave me the finger while I was driving down the highway? Our station wagon featured 10 Bailey for Life for Congress bumper stickers. I always waved and smiled.

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...supporters who were total strangers would see me in public and run up and give me a hug for the work we were doing? I never once minded it a bit.

...the Hamilton supporters would hold up their Hamilton bags at the parades and shout **bad words**?

...Lee Hamilton printed and distributed a flier that I actually agreed with? The flier, ***My Opponent: Out-of-Step With Indiana***, featured many of my quotes about the state of the country, socialism, and our inept government. Thank you, Lee! **Leaders rarely march in step with the crowd; they lead the band a different way. That is a good idea, especially when the band is about to march off a cliff.**

...I almost didn't go to a rally in Scottsburg? I came so very close to turning the van around that night. We were tired, discouraged, and under attack from all sides. We went to the rally anyway. Five women showed up to protest. Before the night was over, at least two had changed their minds on the abortion question. One had recommitted her life to Jesus Christ. Through this experience, God gave Lori and me the perseverance we needed to finish the race.

...two women called within an hour of each other? One woman kept her baby on account of the ads. The other woman kept her baby and recommitted her life to the Lord Jesus Christ.

...the young black woman approached me in Target's parking lot in New Albany? She grabbed my arm and said the ads had an impact on her life. Putting her hand on her six month old still in her womb, she exclaimed with joy, "My baby is alive!"

...that nice young man fixed my car in the McDonald's parking lot while we were on our way to Brookville? God sent many messengers of goodwill to our side when we needed help.

...the Jeff Adam's family used to come to our house every Wednesday? They cleaned, answered phones, cut the lawn, and played with the kids. **Praise God for Christian people who have a heart to serve!**

...I was asked by a pastor, in front of his religion and government class, if I wanted to attend a **flag burning**? After seeing me gulp nervously a few times, the pastor told me he meant the United Nations flag, not the American flag. Though I agreed with his plan, I was unable to attend the event due to scheduling conflicts.

...Mark and Nate crept quietly into the house in the middle of the night and scared me to death? I stood up straight and shouted nothing understandable. **It was funny later.**

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...the truck broke down because the radiator broke? *We just happened* to be out in the middle of nowhere. Across the street from us *just happened* to be a radiator repair shop owned by a conservative Republican. These things don't just happen. God does take care of His own!

...Lee Hamilton **did not show up** for a mini-debate we had scheduled on WAVE TV3 in Louisville, Kentucky? **Good old Lee, a day late and four trillion dollars short!**

...Ken Callis overheard a CBS crewman at the phone booth during our "almost Pat Buchanan rally"? The crewman said to someone, "**There is a reason I'm supposed to be here tonight.**" God was obviously working in this man's heart.

...the attendance at some of the rallies was less than impressive? Some of the county chairmen would be getting discouraged, but God always used these events to make us trust in Him, not in ourselves. I think we all grew because the way wasn't easy. Isn't that the way God works?

...I got into trouble for telling the outdoor congregation at Graceland Baptist Church that **a vote for a legislator who votes pro-abortion, or who does nothing to introduce legislation to save the unborn, is a vote that will result in the voter becoming stained with the blood of the unborn?** I pointed out a particular *wishy washy* legislator who just happened to speak before me. When are Christian people going to wake up? **They will stand guilty before Almighty God for voting pro-abortion legislators into power.**

...I was late for a Clark County rally? **Gary Drake**, our Clark County Coordinator, often came close to heart failure, but never did. By God's grace, we never missed a rally or a meeting of any kind.

...we thought we would never get a Crawford County team put together? Though it took a long while, Pastor Dave & Susan Thurman ended up putting on one of the most enjoyable rallies imaginable.

...I scolded the leftist, liberal, and pro-abortion media while they were attending our rally events? **Though many of the reporters were offended, the articles they printed were always more accurate after the scolding.**

...someone asked us, "**Who is giving your campaign team advice on how to develop a strategy? Whoever it is, keep following his advice. It is genius!**" We smiled and **remembered the Lord God** who was doing His work in spite of us.

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...God gave us all the opportunity to serve Him in this campaign? By His grace and mercy, we have been given the ministry of reconciliation. **Part of that work is to influence our countrymen with the truth of the Bible in the context of politics and the governmental process.** Thank you, Lord Jesus!!! **Let us all remember!**

chapter twenty-four

LOVE LETTERS & HATE MAIL

The Bailey for Life for Congress campaign touched a nerve in the hearts of people in the ninth district and in the hearts of people nationwide. **Just by mentioning the name Bailey, a person could get cussed out or hugged.** Believe me, we heard many such stories. To some, our campaign was heroic. To others, we were the epitome of hate and evil. To most Christians, we were a source of incredible inspiration.

Though I personally witnessed hostile reactions both on the phone and in person, the **overwhelming number of hostilities came from phone calls.** People were never afraid to say what they wanted to on the phone. Most of what they said is not suitable to be printed anywhere. A pattern did emerge during the primary and never changed. That is, **supporters wrote letters and opponents called.**

We always knew when an ad hit the airwaves. Throngs of callers would phone to let us know what they thought. Because our phone number was listed on the ad, it was easy to pick up the phone and *cuss us out*. Supporters would call, too, but in far fewer numbers.

In contrast, the pattern was different for letters. We received over a thousand letters during the campaign. The short notes of encouragement were little blessings from God that kept Lori and me going. People wanting to encourage us wrote.

Very few opponents would take time to write, though we received our share of hate mail. **As I prepared to write this chapter, I reviewed many hundreds of letters, and I must confess...I cried.** People will never know the depth of love and encouragement they gave us by writing those special notes of kindness.

Both the love letters and the hate mail revealed the level of emotion people were feeling. Though I could never begin to record all the letters and notes, perhaps this chapter of letters will help the readers understand the full impact of what was going on in southern Indiana and in our region of the country. **I give praise to our God for using us to prick the conscience of America!**

"I will not and would not vote for Bailey for any office! I think you ought to use a little bit of common sense when sending out your shit mail. I have had an abortion and it was to save my life!! Believe me, I live with it every day without you bastards reminding me! You are sick!!"
(She signed her name, but I will not print it.)

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"We need more Baileys in Congress and all government posts..."
Mrs. Gauger

"I'm 64 years old and this is the first time I have ever donated money to a politician or to a political campaign. Good luck Mike and I pray to God you can help stop abortions..."
Ray Osburn

"I am a lifelong Republican but your ads are so ridiculous that I will vote for Lee Hamilton for sure. You are the biggest jerk ever to throw yourself on this or any other campaign. You have made me seriously consider changing my position on abortion since agreeing with someone like you is unacceptable!!" M.J. Wilcox
(penny was taped to letter)

"Dear Mr. Bailey & Family...We're with you! Go get em....Praying for you daily."

unsigned

"I heard you speak at the Concerned Women for America meeting in June...I was so moved I want to send you help with your campaign. In fact, I wish not only that you win, but I want you to go on to be President..." Karen Wilson

"I came to see you at Fountain Square in Cincinnati. I speak for all of UC Students for Life in saying we support you. We all hope you go far."
Andy Labucskie

"I am a mother of 2 and would never have an abortion. However, once we have children we want to protect them, especially by not subjecting them to crap like your commercials. You come into our homes, violate our right to decency when we think we have a "safe" show on, and make us jump for the TV to turn the channel before having to witness your own special brand of pornography. If you really cared about kids, and not just about getting elected, you would not have insulted us and damaged them by airing these ads. You are disgraceful in my opinion."
Mrs. Nancy Tansi

"I saw you on a talk show the other day and was very proud of you. I wish I lived in Indiana to cast a vote for you. You are one in a million, we need more men of honor, morals, and courage like you. I am going to write my Congressman in Florida and ask him to follow your lead. Thank you for speaking the truth. Keep it up!"
Kathy Rinehart

"You're a genius! You've put the anti-abortion movement ahead years in Indiana. You've got the pro-choice forces scurrying around not knowing what to do..."
Joann Scofield

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"My family and I believe in what you are doing and we appreciate the stand you have taken on some of the most vital issues this nation is facing. We believe it is time for a major change in our representatives, and we believe they need to be more like you and put Jesus Christ first..."

Terry & Sharon Tanner

"Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you. I will uphold you with My righteous hand."

J.R. Floyd (Isaiah 41:10)

"What do you plan to do about drugs and crime...where are your plans for crack babies and aids that we are faced with. We have abortion clinics to deal with crack babies. Why not take welfare away and make the men care for their children? If it wasn't for fathers we wouldn't have the children. Why not have the morals with the no good fathers? I worked at a mental hospital for 21 years and know lots of people who shouldn't of been born. Churches always holler about abortion and do nothing about drugs and alcohol..."

Minnie Pearl

"I was totally disgusted at what the commercials were showing on TV. Our kids watched in total shock at the sight. BUT we support you and think it was a very good idea showing what really happens to those wonderful little children...I live near Greensburg and pray you're on the ballots here. Good luck and God bless you for standing up!"

Patty Kohrman

"We read your brochure and thought we'd died and gone to heaven! ...special blessings to your wife Lori, who may have the toughest job of all. Our prayers are with you all."

Michael & Jane Bray

"Your lack of consideration and your arrogance makes it impossible to believe you would ever get elected! You do not show respect for your community...your lack of taste and good judgment makes me wonder how you would handle any other crisis while you were in office...to the matter at hand, the last commercial of yours made me puke! I have seen Freddie Kruger movies with less gore...I'm sorry you feel you have to stoop to such tactics to get yourself elected!...my only regret is that I don't live in your state so that I may have the pleasure of voting against you!"

Rozelyn Bennett

"Just a word of encouragement. I am very grateful for your stand against abortion. I believe God has given you the wisdom and boldness to get the issue of abortion right in front. Men and women everywhere now will know the truth...God bless you and I know he will. I was getting pretty discouraged about voting, Oh what little faith. God can raise up a man like you to lift up a voice. Thank you for being a willing servant of Jesus Christ! It has been an inspiration to me and other Christians."

Mrs. Jackie Demsey

"The ten commandments are not multiple choice..."

Helen Homrigh

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"...I as well as others, would never note for you if you even if you were the last person living on the planet. Abortion will happen whether it is legal or not. Polls have shown that this country is 70% pro-choice. Abortion will remain legal. And I'll be damned, if you or anybody else, is going to tell me what I can or cannot do with my body...may god speak to you and change your ways!!!!!" Kathleen Haulig

"We received your pamphlet at the Pekin July 4th parade and read it in total surprise that there is still God fearing politicians and that this country may yet have a chance..."
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Anderson

"...I wanted you to know how much we appreciate your bold Christian stand. Its a dark and evil generation that desperately needs the "light of the gospel" to do its exposing work. It seems the "church" has indeed been asleep long enough and by the mercy and guidance of the Lord now we need to awake and be busy about the Masters business...may the prophets of old be a blessing to you by example-may the Spirit of Truth guide you with discernment. I would encourage you to seek out and surround yourselves with prayer warriors. I think its a real "gutsy" thing your're doing, however, I believe you honor the Lord-and that's what matters..." Patti Bradshaw

"Jump in the lake..." (was written on a flier returned to our office...
two pennies were taped to it!)

"I am writing concerning your disgusting commercial about abortion. I happened to see it one night while I was eating dinner...the commercial made me absolutely sick to my stomach...there is certainly no need to force what you think is right down someone else's throat...get with the times, Mr. Bailey, women are not some little housewife that needs a man to take care of her anymore. Women are an vital part of the work force and community and have done much of it on their own..."
Jamie Hardsaw

"I want to encourage you to continue to press on and keep focused on God's highest calling in and on your life. As you run for office, continue to take time out for your family and to seek God's direction each day!" Jerry Toby
Kentucky General Assembly

"Dear Brother Bailey...I want to wish you luck and may God be with you on the voting day...Sister in Christ..."
Katherine Perkins

"Please know we have bowed our hearts before OUR KING & asked HIS devine protection and grace in your lives...you are an encouragement to us as we see your boldness & resolve...we are weak, but HE IS STRONG." Dave Hollander

"I may never choose to have an abortion, but I would never vote for you...My body is my body and you have no right to dictate or legislate it. What I do or don't do

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with it is my business not yours or anyone else's. BUTT OUT!!!! I also don't appreciate people sticking your trash mail on my car." *unknown person*
(ripped up flier was enclosed with letter)

"Michael Bailey & Family...Thank you once again for standing firm for the innocent babies and showing what a horror abortion is...be encouraged, you are not alone...I was appalled by NO Faith Daniels..." *The Zigler Family*

"I admire you and your family so much...You are actually witnessing the power of our Lord and its as if I can see your Spirits grow..." *Stacy Reed*

"All of us in the pro-life movement owe you a tremendous debt of gratitude for your bold ads..." *Rev. Joseph Hamilton*

"I admire your guts-don't back down...please don't back down..." *Frantzy Korlhoge*

"...will keep you in my prayers. Yes, the Holy Spirit is with you. He's our power!! He's our all---" *Dora M. Isenhower*

"It's two days after Easter and my wife and I have celebrated the Risen Lord, our Saviour...then Monday, to my disgust, I saw your gestapo horror tactic commercial ads on abortion."

You are a sad person, Michael, possibly looking for sin-reduction in your own life by carrying this sort of scare method against the public. You are losing votes, buddy, not gaining them."

And I am a Christian!! I do not believe your method is God ordained!!...there are appropriate times when abortion is right...many kids would have been much more blessed if they never entered this life, but simply by-passed it into eternal life...in your deepest heart, I think you agree with what I am saying..."

(unknown, but male, 36, married, Christian)

"God bless you for your stand against abortion. I received your pamphlet and my husband and I were very impressed with your stand on all the issues mentioned. You have some very sound ideas that we're not seeing much of in Congress today. Good luck in your campaign, we'll be backing you all the way..." *Mrs. Phillip Masden*

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The letters could fill volumes more, but hopefully these we have included have **opened the reader's eyes to the spiritual battle before us**. Only revival can change the hearts of sinful men and women who blindly refuse to look at the facts, the truth.

Lori and I have a deep gratitude towards those who have given their hearts and love to us through these supportive letters. Thank you, and God bless you.

To those who sent the hate mail: **Jesus Christ alone** can illumine your hearts and open your minds to the **truth** we present. In Him, a person can find eternal life. In Him, a person can find eternal truth. **It is our prayer that your heart will open to Jesus Christ today.**

Michael E. Bailey

chapter twenty-five

MIKE'S RESULTS & REFLECTIONS

If you thought this chapter was going to be gloom and doom, you thought wrong. **How could anyone believe that this campaign was not a HUGE SUCCESS!?! Because of the gracious work of our Lord, millions of people were exposed to the truth of abortion for the first time. Hundreds of babies are alive!!!**

As a result of the Bailey for Life for Congress campaign, thousands of Christians have been encouraged, and **the pro-life movement now has the most lethal weapon it has ever had against the lies of the pro-abortion forces, the ability and the legal right to air THE TRUTH ON TELEVISION!!!**

Of course, it would have been nice to win the election, but **we will win someday**. My Bible teaches clearly that **Jesus is coming back**. Whether or not we gain political power now or then is of no consequence. **Our sole job is to be faithful to the King of kings and Lord of lords.**

"But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken,

and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory.

And He will send forth His angels with a Great Trumpet and THEY WILL GATHER HIS ELECT from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other...

Matthew 24:29-31

The victory and success in this campaign was clearly an act of God. Though we won nearly 70,000 votes, or 30% of the total, we are not boasting in the 70,000. We are, however, boasting in what God has done!

I suppose we could get discouraged by public opinion, but that still doesn't change absolute truth. No matter how the vote turned out, abortion is still murder. The rejection of biblical absolutes will still cause the decline of America. The national debt is still immoral. Socialism will most definitely destroy us.

I, by God's grace and favor, will still continue to fight for truth. I must stand up in the political arena as an ambassador for Jesus Christ in a land growing more distant from Him day after day. Because of my first-hand experience in this race, I am even more convinced that Christians must run for political office. **We have the responsibility of being *LIGHT!!* And only Christians have the *LIGHT!!***

Lee Hamilton will go back to Washington, play his political games, **vote to enslave us to even greater debt, send billions more in foreign aid** to other nations, spend hundreds of thousands more on **franked mail**, share his limited insight into foreign affairs, and vote to **send millions of babies into the death chambers** of abortion clinics. He will continue to support **big government, vote for higher taxes, and continue the incredible inept practices that have sold out the next generation of Americans.**

What is even more amazing, the district will probably keep sending Mr. Hamilton back to Washington until he dies, unless the Lord intervenes. **There are hundreds of Lee Hamiltons in Congress at this very moment...only the mercy of God will save our country from their inept, immoral practices.**

Christians have got to stand in the gap and say, **"Folks, something is wrong here...there is a better way...there is something called common sense...something called biblical common sense."**

Perhaps in the short term nothing will change, but we can all bet on **something major happening in the long term. Either financial bankruptcy or spiritual revival will awaken this great nation.** Christian candidates must push for spiritual revival! In fact, only true Christians can lead America to a moral awakening.

The task before us is spiritual warfare, not political savvy or marketing genius. Nothing will happen in our weak human strength, but change can occur by the power and blessing of God. We must attempt to convince our countrymen of the coming collapse!

"Yes", you say, "that sounds brave. That sounds like a worthy goal, but let's be realistic. People cannot win high office if they sound like Christians. They can never win if they try to expose the horror of abortion through their television advertising. We cannot push our Christian morality upon American society, Bailey!" **Then who will fight for righteousness and truth in America? Is it the homosexuals, pro-abortion liberal preachers, or the National Organization of Women?**

If you believe **success** is only the winning of an election, then, unfortunately, pro-life and pro-Christian candidates may have trouble in the foreseeable future. I am, however, strongly convinced that God can persuade Americans to vote for Christians if revival will grip this land.

But if you believe winning involves saving babies, saving our country from moral collapse, and saving our nation from complete financial collapse, then a highly publicized campaign such as ours has great purpose! Obscure Congressional races can be thrown into the limelight by people of Christian character who believe that the **causes they stand for are more important than political correctness.**

"You are crazy and wrong, Bailey!" perhaps many good intentioned Christians would say. I know, you still believe you can't have an impact unless you win the election. **That simply is not true! We can't have an impact anymore unless we run our own and have them sound like our own. The only hope for America is if we try to convince our fellow citizens that Jesus Christ is the TRUTH!**

"You can't do that!" many will say. "Just watch us," I must reply. As long as the law remains that allows us to enter the political discourse with Judeo-Christian truth, we must enter the race. **If not us...who?**

Christians across America must take up the banner and begin to stand tall. No longer will the *keep religion out of politics lie* prevent our best and brightest from entering the political arena. It is not out of selfish ambition that we enter this battle. It is in an effort to win men to Jesus Christ. If we fall in battle (lose an election), so what! We will be back again. Next time, we will be better financed, better organized, and more experienced.

Our message is lethal to their lies...our light will expose their darkness. Men may hate us, but Saul also hated the early Christians before God turned him into a great saint for His kingdom.

Our motivation is not a struggle for power, though many of us may obtain such power. **It is a struggle for the souls of men.** At some point in our history, the country will either have to wake up spiritually or fall morally and financially.

Christian politicians may be just the catalyst required to bring about revival. If we are not, then our words will be like the words of the prophets of old. **Our words will confirm God's certain judgments on America.**

I believe that Christian men and women across this United States should now rise up and start running aggressive political campaigns. Campaigns that are marked by a distinctive Christian message, a biblical message, and a clear pleading for the lives of all unborn Americans.

It is one thing to lobby and influence Congress. It is a whole different matter to run against members of Congress. **In our running, we *push the envelope* of secular toleration of our message.** No doubt, the media and the secular elite will rise up in unity against a movement such as ours. They cannot tolerate a message based on absolute truth from the Bible. **This message has no compromise, no consensus-building.**

My heart goes out to my brethren in Christ Jesus. **I am pleading with all of you to start a new movement in America.** A movement, a Christian political movement, that will **rock America at the core!** From now on, we won't be influencing legislators...we will be running against them. We will be pleading with our countrymen to change their minds!

Run for precinct committee posts, county offices, school boards, state legislatures, governors, U.S. House seats, U.S. Senate races, and even for President. Use the law to push the media and our countrymen into a place of decision. Use the law to make them face what America is doing to itself!

What is the worst that can happen? Losing the election? Making people not like us? Making them hate us? **Read your Bible, fellow Christians. They did all these things to our forefathers in the Scriptures.**

What is the best thing that can happen? **People listening to our message just might trust in Jesus Christ! Babies could be saved from death. Revival could happen in America!**

It is my heart that over one hundred Christian candidates will run for Congress in 1994. These candidates should expose the horrors of abortion. These candidates should preach Scripture at rally after rally.

It is **OK** to call sin...sin. It is **OK** to be used of God to convince our countrymen that there is no hope other than true revival. It is **OK** to say, **"IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO RIGHTLY GOVERN WITHOUT GOD AND THE BIBLE."** George Washington believed this. I believe it. **All Christians should believe it.**

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